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# MEMO

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Kelly Diekmann, Planning & Housing Director

**Date:** August 04, 2023

**Subject:** Withdrawal of Request for a waiver to subdivide land in Story County within the Ames Urban Fringe

**Background:**

Lynn and Robert Comito, owners of 5556 Arrasmith Trail in Story County, recently contacted Mayor Haila and the Council members regarding a rural subdivision of their property into two smaller parcels. City Council referred the request to a future agenda for discussion of a waiver of City standards to allow for the rural subdivision. Any division of land within 2 miles of Ames is subject to City review for conformance to the City's Subdivision Code or for consideration of waivers of city standards to allow for a rural subdivision.

**After consultation with staff, the Comitos have decided instead to pursue a Boundary Line Adjustment through the Plat of Survey process.** The applicants' properties abut one another, and a Boundary Line Adjustment can move the shared property line so that the house at 5556 Arrasmith Trail will be on its own lot and the remainder of the property will be on a second lot with 5517 Arrasmith Trail. The Boundary line adjustment with a plat of survey requires no waiver of subdivision standards to be approved.

City staff has consulted with the staff of the Story County Planning and Development Department about the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment. That office is in support of the proposed arrangement. **Therefore, the Comitos are withdrawing their waiver request and the referred item will not be on a future Council agenda.**